

Foreword

Libraries are fundamental to education, and the public library is a key component of a vibrant culture, a healthy economy, and a strong democracy. All of you who work in public libraries, or in support of them, contribute to the strength and vitality of our communities. Collaboration among libraries and library systems helps to provide richer resources and enhanced service to all Wisconsin residents.

The fourth edition of *Wisconsin Public Library Standards* serves as an essential tool to evaluate current services and plan effectively for the future. These voluntary standards will help us meet the ever-changing needs of our communities. Through the hard work of our public library staff, we are building a stronger community and a brighter future for everyone who uses a Wisconsin public library.

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